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1. AT THE MOMENT A FAVORABLE AMBIENCE IS BEING CREATED  
INSOFAR AS RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PDC AND PN ARE CONCERNED.  
THIS COULD BE OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE THIS WEEKEND WHEN FINAL  
DECISION ON TENTH DISTRICT WILL BE MADE BY THE POLITICIANS OF  
THESE PARTIES. FOLLOWING EVENTS HAVE HELPED BRING THIS ABOUT:

A. ON 9 MARCH THE PDC AND PN COLLABORATED  
IN THE CONGRESS BY STRIPPING THE COMMUNIST GOVERNOR OF  
LAUTARO OF HIS IMMUNITY, MAKING HIM LIABLE FOR PROSECUTION  
FOR SOME OF HIS POLITICAL ACTIONS IN THE AREA.

B. ON 12 MARCH THE PDC DECIDED IT WOULD TAKE  
THE INITIATIVE TO IMPEACH COMMUNIST MINISTER OF LABOR. THIS  
IS AN ACTION THAT HAD BEEN PROPOSED EARLIER BY PN. PN WITH-  
DREW THEIR MOTION IN THE CONGRESS AGAINST THE MINISTER IN  
ORDER TO ALLOW PDC TO TAKE INITIATIVE. THE PN WILL NOW  
SUPPORT THE PDC.

C. THE COPPER SCANDAL HAS TAKEN A VERY FAVORABLE  
TURN. UNTIL NOW IT WAS THE ALLENDE GOVT AGAINST  
NOW IT IS PDC AGAINST ALLENDE GOVT. THIS FAVORABLE TURN WAS

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BROUGHT ABOUT BY AN UNWISE ATTEMPT ON PART OF PURO CHILE  
TO INVOLVE NARCISO IRURETA, PRESIDENT OF PDC, IN THE  
SCANDAL. IRURETA HAS COUNTERATTACKED AND HAS NOW  
INVOLVED MEMBERS OF THE GOVT IN THIS SCANDAL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MAIN POINT IS THAT  
PDC IS NOW SLUGGING IT OUT WITH GOVT. THIS SHOULD HAVE  
A VERY POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE PN.

2. [REDACTED]

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